GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Dept. – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, formerly at Ranastalam, Srikakulam District (now retired) for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries – Inquiry Report received – Withholding of 10% pension for a period of (**2**) years under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 248 **Dated: 11-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. Lr.No.128/RC.A.VVZ/95-8-12, dated:10.03.1999 of Director General, ACB.
2. Govt.Memo No.2278(Estt.II/A1/96-7, dated 30.03.2000.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1193, PR&RD (Estt.III) Dept., dt.30.08.2000.
4. Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, former DEE, Ranastalam, Srikakaulam, Representation, dated 20.08.2002.
5. G.O.Rt.No.622, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.24.11.2021.
6. Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, COI, G.A.Dept. and Inquiring Authority, D.O.Letter No.92/COI-RPT/2021,dt.28.4.2022.
7. Memo No.257/Vig.I/2001-57, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept.,dt.18.10.2022.
8. Sri G. SugunaseelaRao, former DEE, Ranastalam, Srikakaulam, Representation, dated 24.11.2022.
9. Govt.Memo No.257/Vig.I/2001-59, dt.22.06.2023.
10. Lr.No.Vig.I(1)/7065/2000, dt.20.02.2025 of ENC-PR, AP, Vijayawada together with Representation of Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, former DEE, Ranastalam, Srikakaulam.

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ORDER:-

Whereas a disproportionate assets case has been filed by the ACB authorities against Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Ranastalam, Srikakaulam for acquiring assets disproportionate to known sources of income. The Director General, ACB has submitted a final report, dt.10.3.1999, recommending for prosecution of the Accused Officer, besides departmental action for violation of conduct rules.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, Ranastalam, Srikakaulam duly framing Articles of Charges on the allegation that he committed grave misconduct in as much as acquiring movable and immovable assets either in his name or in the name of his family members without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority and thus failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of Rule 9(1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Ranasthalam, Srikakulam has submitted the written statement of defense. After examination of the same, Government vide reference 5th read above, have appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department as Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report and held that charges framed against the charged officer, Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, formerly at Ranastalam, Srikakulam District (now retired) as proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the Charged Officer, Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, formerly at Ranastalam, Srikakulam District as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer has submitted that the assets in question were purchased by his wife and his son without his knowledge and the relevant documents were not in his possession even during the ACB raid conducted on 25.12.1995. The Inquiring Authority had not verified the same and simply replied upon the deposition of the ACB Inspector. The Charged Officer has further stated that he was retired from service in the year, 2004 and requested the authorities to take appropriate action as deemed fit and close the case at an early date. The explanation of Charged Officer was examined and found not tenable.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding 10% pension for a period of two (2) years against Charged Officer and a show cause notice was communicated to the individual to this effect for his representation, if any. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation on the above show cause notice vide reference 10th read above, wherein he has not put forth any new grounds and reiterated the contentions that he already submitted earlier and requested to reduce the penalty to be imposed on him.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to impose a penalty of withholding 10% pension for a period of two (2) years against delinquent officer, under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in the case of violation of conduct rules, since the charges framed against him are held as proved.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding 10% pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, formerly at Ranastalam, Srikakulam District (now retired) under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, in the case of violation of conduct rules, since the charges framed against him are held as proved.

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10. The Engineer-In-Chief, PR, AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri G.Sugunaseela Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, formerly at Ranastalam, Srikakulam District (now retired), Flat No.124, Section 4, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam. **through** the Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government immediately.

Copy to:
The Director General, ACB, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, APVC, Velagapudi.
The Director of Treasuries, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD, RWS and E,F,S&T)
The P.S to the Prl.Secy. to Government., PR&RD Department.
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